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SUBJ: PAC INCIDENT IN UP

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1. THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE HERE ARE UPSET BY DEVELOPMENTS IN UP
BUT SEEM MORE IMMEDIATELY CONCERNED WITH WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN
BOMBAY BANDH MAY 25. ONLY PUBLIC STATEMENTS NOTED THUS FAR
WERE BY SOCIALIST LEADER N. G. GORAY IN POONA CALLING FOR
EFFORTS " ON TRULY NATIONAL SCALE TO SAVE THE COUNTRY FROM
DISASTER" AND SWATANTRA LEADER PILOO MODY WHO SAID EVENTS IN
UP HAD EXPOSED WITH TRAGIC CLARITY THE GROWING
" POLITICALISATION (SIC) OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES". GORAY
WARNED THAT NOTHING WOULD BE GAINED BY UNDERPLAYING THE
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" OPEN REVOLT" SINCE ITS SIGNIFICANCE WAS " TOO SERIOUS" AND SAID FEELING GROWING AMONG PEOPLE THAT " NOTHING SHORT OF REVOLT" WOULD MOVE THE GOVERNMENT TO ACTION. WE MAY SEE MORE COMMENT AFTER MAY 25.

2. WE HAVE NO INFO ON WHICH TO JUDGE RELIABILITY OF CONSTAB UNITS HERE, BUT CIVIL SERVICE IN THIS PART OF INDIA, INCLUDING POLICE, HAS TRADITIONALLY RESPECTED AND OBSERVED POLITICAL NEUTRALITY. PAST EFFORTS ORGANIZE POLICE HAVE FAILED (THOUGH JANA SANGH WORKERS RUN ORGANIZATION IN BOMBAY KNOWN AS " FRIENDS OF POLICE" WHOSE LEADER IS MEMBER OF BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION). SOCIALIST LEADER GEORGE FERNANDES ANNOUNCED MAY 23 HIS INTENTION TO UNIONIZE POLICE, SAYING HIGH COURT VERDICT ON ISSUE OF TRADE UNIONISM AMONG JAIPUR POLICE HAD GIVEN HIM ENCOURAGEMENT. (ONLY LABOR LEADER WE HAVE BEEN ABLE CONTACT THUS FAR HAS REACTED VERY UNFAVORABLY TO FERNANDES' STATEMENT.)

3. LOW POLITICIZATION OF STUDENT COMMUNITY, BASICALLY GOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RULING ELITE AND POLICE OFFICIALS, WEAK OPPOSITION PARTIES, AND COMPARATIVELY EFFICIENT STATE ADMINISTRATION WOULD APPEAR MILITATE AGAINST UP- LIKE SITUATION DEVELOPING IN MAHARASHTRA AND TO SOME DEGREE IN GUJARAT. GENERALLY, IN THIS PART OF INDIA, RESPECT FOR LAW AND ORDER IS DEEPLY INGRAINED. MADHYA PRADESH MAY BE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT, BUT WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING INDICATE ANYTHING AT ALL COOKING THERE. WE WILL, OF COURSE, FOLLOW CLOSELY AND REPORT ANYTHING WE HEAR.

4. WE HAVE NOT CONTACTED GOVERNMENT OR POLICE OFFICIALS AND FOREGOING REPRESENTS CONGEN ANALYSIS. AS AIR CLEARS AFTER BANDH WE WILL TAKE MORE SOUNDINGS.

5. IN ADDITION TIMES OF INDIA AND INDIAN EXPRESS EDITORIALS, FREE PRESS JOURNAL MAY 24 IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED " NIP IT IN THE BUD" SAID REVOLT WAS MATTER OF CONCERN " NOT ONLY FOR THAT STATE BUT FOR ENTIRE NATION" AND PLACES BLAME FOR " UGLY HAPPENINGS" ON TRIPATHI GOVERNMENT. FPJ " SHUDDERS" TO THINK WHAT UGLY TURN SITUATION MIGHT HAVE TAKEN BUT FOR TIMELY INDUCTION OF ARMY UNITS" AND STATES GOVERNMENT MUST SEE THAT " DANGEROUS TREND SET BY UP CONSTABULARY IS NIPPED

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IN BUD BEFORE THE CHALLENGE TO AUTHORITY BECOMES MORE WIDESPREAD".

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